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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 80 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, the Committee will elect its officers.

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2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The provisional agenda and documentation for the present session were approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 1998/204.

In accordance with paragraphs 28 and 62 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, a non-governmental organization in general consultative status with the Council may request that the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommend that items of special interest to the organization be included in the provisional agenda of the Council. The Committee will have before it a proposal by a non-governmental organization for the inclusion of an item in the provisional agenda of the Council in 1999.

3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

(a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from the resumed 1997 session of the Committee

(b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification

The Committee will consider applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification from non-governmental organizations and act thereon. The Committee will also consider applications and reclassifications that were deferred by the Committee at its 1997 session.

Documentation

Deferred applications for consultative status and deferred reclassifications: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/1998/R.1)

New applications for consultative status: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/1998/R.2 and addenda)

New requests for reclassification: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/1998/R.3 and addenda)

4. Review of quadrennial reports deferred from the resumed 1997 session

In accordance with the arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations approved by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1996/31, such organizations are required to submit, every fourth year, a report on their activities as regards the support they have given to the work of the United Nations. The Committee, at its 1981 regular session, decided that such reports should be limited to two pages. After examining the reports, the Committee may recommend to the Council any reclassification in the status of the organizations concerned that it deems appropriate. At its 1998 regular session, the Committee will consider only those quadrennial reports that were deferred from its 1997 session.

Documentation

Quadrennial reports for the period 1992-1995 (E/C.2/1997/2 and Add.1 and 2)

5. Implementation of Economic and Social Council decision 1996/302

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 1996/302, decided that the non-governmental organizations referred to in its decision 1993/220 that wished to expand their

participation in other fields of the Council should so inform the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.

Documentation

Requests submitted by non-governmental organizations referred to in Economic and Social Council decision 1993/220: note by the Secretariat (E/C.2/1998/__)

6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 and decision 1995/304

The Committee may wish to consider the implications of the provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, in particular those contained in part IX, for the Committee's functioning and methods of work.

In its decision 1995/304, the Council requested the Committee to undertake a thorough review of its methods of work with a view to improving and streamlining its procedures.

7. Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/32

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/32, the Committee will continue its consideration of applications from organizations of indigenous people not in consultative status with the Council that are interested in participating in the open-ended inter-sessional Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights to elaborate a draft declaration on the rights of indigenous people.

At its resumed 1997 session, the Committee decided to defer consideration of the applications of four organizations of indigenous people to its 1998 session.

8. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/50

The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1994/50, decided to suspend the Roster status of the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) pending a review by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations of the activities of ILGA member organizations or subsidiaries and after giving the Association an opportunity to present its views and provide further necessary information and assurances as called for in paragraph 3 of the resolution.

The organization has requested the Committee to consider recommending the reinstatement of its Roster status.

9. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 1999 session of the Committee

In is resolution 1894 (LVII) of 1 August 1974, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to submit at each session of a subsidiary body of the Council a draft provisional agenda for its following session, together with information relating to documentation.

10. Adoption of the report of the Committee

The Committee is required to adopt its report for submission to the Economic and Social Council.